

Suggested Reading for Students

K-3rd Grade

A Salmon for Simon; Waterton, Betty; Blades, Ann

Simon has always longed to catch a salmon. But when his luck suddenly changes and an eagle accidentally drops one into a tidal pool, Simon is torn between sympathy for the fish and the desire to catch something of his own.



Salmon Forest; Suzuki, David; Ellis, Sarah; Lott, Sheena

Take a walk in the woods with Kate and her dad. You'll find out why the Pacific rain forest is called the salmon forest and how the salmon and the trees need each other. You'll also meet fat slugs and squawking gulls and a bear that is hungry for some fish. And you'll get to know Brett and his family as they fish for salmon, clean it, cook it, and share a tasty meal with Kate and her dad.

Trout, Trout, Trout! (A Fish Chant); Sayre, April Pulley

This delightful, hilarious "fish chant" will have fish lovers laughing at the antics this author and illustrator imagine underwater. The jaunty text begs to be "changed" out loud—if you can get through it without giggling! Wacky, bold illustrations add even more humor, yet accurately depict dozens of freshwater fish. *Trout, Trout, Trout!* is an ideal collaboration of science and entertainment. Whether young readers enjoy fish in their own fish bowls, up at the lake, or on the end of their fishing poles, they'll get a kick out of chanting, "Trout, Trout, Trout!"

The Magic School Bus Goes Upstream; Cole, Joanna; Degen, Bruce

It's time for Walker Elementary's annual fish fry—and Ms. Fizzle's class is planning to bring salmon. But there seems to be no salmon left in the sea. Where did they all go? And why? In order to fish for answers, Ms. Fizzle turns the bus into a salmon. And suddenly the gang joins a whole group of real salmon on their way to a freshwater stream—they're migrating! Join the kids and the Friz as they follow salmon on an incredible journey.

Salmon Creek; LeBox, Annette; Reczuch, Karen

One of the most fascinating stories in nature is the life cycle of the Pacific salmon. This lyrical, beautiful non-fiction picture book tells the story of a coho, Sumi. We follow her from her birth in a remote creek and her trip down river to the ocean, to her time as a fully mature fish swimming in the great seas, and finally, her amazing, almost magical return to her birth place, where she spawns and then dies.

The Salmon (Life Cycles): Crewe, Sabrina

This book describes the habitat, eating habits, and life cycle of the sockeye salmon. Full-color photos and drawings appear throughout, and the large and easy texts contain bolded words that are explained in the glossaries. Beginning with eggs about to hatch, Salmon are shown leaving the nest, migrating to the ocean, leaping up waterfalls, changing color, fighting over a female, escaping predators, and finally returning to their original river. A double-page diagram of the parts of the sockeye salmon's body is presented and other kinds of fish are pictured. Brief mention is made of the perils that face these animals due to human encroachment. This offering will enhance any unit on native species of animals.

Review written by: Helen Rosenberg, St. Scholastica High School, Chicago, IL

The Girl Who Swam with the Fish: An Athabaskan Legend; Renner, Michelle

In *The Girl Who Swam with the Fish*, a retelling of a familiar Athabaskan legend, a young girl embarks on a startling odyssey. It is summer on the banks of the Alaskan river where she and her family traditionally make their seasonal fishing camp, and the girl gazes longingly into the water for a first sighting of returning king salmon. As the midnight sun blazes and the mosquitoes buzz and swarm, the girl's brother and father prepare racks of spruce on which to dry the salmon they soon hope to catch. The girl, meantime, is intent on seeing the ocean kings come home to the river of their birth. She wonders "what it would be like to be a fish, to glide through cool waves, hearing only the silence of the water. Where did fish travel? What sights did they see?" In an instant, the girl is catapulted into a long, watery journey that will answer her dreamy questions and teach her much about the ways of salmon.

The Salmon Princess; Dwyer, Mindy

In a small southeast Alaska village, Cinder works hard helping her family clean fish. But what she really wants to do is wear a beautiful dress and dance at the Silver Salmon Festival. With some magical help from Eagle, Cinder's adventure begins! Richly illustrated with colorful details, *The Salmon Princess* puts a uniquely Alaskan spin on the classic Cinderella tale.

Grades 4-6

Come Back Salmon: How a Group of Dedicated Kids Adopted Pigeon Creek and Brought It Back to Life; Cone, Molly

The story of how an elementary school in Washington state "adopted" a polluted stream that had once been a spawning ground for salmon. The children

launched a major community effort to clean it up and, with the aid of grants, stocked an aquarium with salmon eggs from a state hatchery. The entire school was involved in caring for the eggs as they hatched, grew, and were eventually released into the now clean stream. It would be hard not to get caught up in the excitement and anxiety of the students as they wait for the fish to return to Pigeon Creek to spawn. Cone includes facts on the life cycle of the salmon in her clear, lively text, while Wheelwright's excellent illustrations and full-color photographs add to the overall quality of the presentation.

Review written by: Tina Smith Entwistle, Oakley Park Elem . School, Walled Lake, MI

Acting for Nature: What Young People Around the World Are Doing to Protect the Environment; Sneed Collard III and Action for Nature

Pollution, overcrowding, global warming, species extinction--everyone knows the Earth is in trouble. Is there anything we can do? Acting for Nature tells the remarkable stories of 15 young people from around the world who didn't get discouraged. They saw environmental problems in their communities and found ways to solve them.

Salmon Stream: Sharing Nature with Children Book; Reed-Jones, Carol; Maydak, Michael

Carol Reed-Jones follows the life cycle of salmon in cumulative verse, similar to her best-selling *The Tree in the Ancient Forest*. Against staggering odds the eggs hatch and grow, travel to the ocean, and eventually struggle upstream to their birthplace again, to spawn a new generation. Artist Michael Maydak vividly portrays the dramatic life of these special fish. *Salmon Stream* is also packed with information and resources for people of all ages who want to learn more about salmon and how to help them survive.

Discovering Salmon (Discovering Nature); Field, Nancy

Discovering Salmon is a lively introduction to the life cycles, habitats, legends, ecological relationships and environmental challenges of salmon. Now includes a full colored sheet of 50 realistic salmon and trout stickers, including various stages of the life cycles.

Trout; Winner, Cherie

Splash! A grasshopper tumbles into a stream. Below, a lurking trout spots the insect as it struggles. Swiftly the trout rises and opens its mouth. The grasshopper disappears in a swirl of water. For centuries, humans have marveled at the beauty and the strength of trout. We've admired the stunning colors of the many trout species. We've watched in amazement as traveling trout leap over waterfalls and fight fierce

currents to swim upstream. In recent years, humans have also put trout at risk. Threatened by pollution, dams, and overfishing, some species of trout have died out forever. Others will need our help if they are to survive. Join author Cherie Winner as she shares the story of this unique fish through a detailed, lively text illustrated with full-color photographs.

Salmon; Hodge, Deborah

When salmon are ready to spawn, they struggle upstream to their birthplace. Their remarkable journey is just one of the twelve topics discussed in this clearly written look at the two main kinds of salmon -- Pacific salmon and Atlantic salmon. Kids can find out about where salmon live, their life cycle, their place in the food chain and much more.

Swimmer; Gill, Shelley

Swimmer, the Chinook salmon, journeys over 10,000 miles to complete her life cycle, while Katya, the native Alaskan girl, comes of age in her small village along the coast.

Salmon Story; Guiberson, Brenda Z.

A salmon's life is a fascinating journey of thousands of miles, from freshwater streambeds to the wide salty ocean. For centuries this journey has been an essential part of the balance of nature in the salmon habitat. But recently, pollution, dams, commercial fishing, and other factors have greatly endangered the survival of this important fish. How can the salmon population be preserved? In her personal narrative style, Brenda Guiberson describes the salmon—its history, present troubles, and hopeful future, with detailed black-and-white illustrations by the author and vivid color photographs, this is an accessible introduction to ecology and environmental responsibility.

Grades 6-12

Salmon; Baxter, John M.

Salmon is an authoritative, informative look at all seven main salmon species: the Atlantic, chinook, sockeye, coho, masu, pink, and the chum. Accessible to all ages, "Salmon" charts the evolution, origins, life cycles, and amazing migrations of these species and discusses their place in the complex and delicate structure of nature.

Salmon of the Pacific; Lewis, Adam

With stunning color photographs by Art Worlfe, Graham Osborne, Rick Blacklaws, Myron Kozak, and others, *Salmon of the Pacific* offers a fascinating look at the salmon's dramatic life cycle. Pacific salmon evolved from a temperate freshwater species to one whose journey between fresh and salt water demonstrates a remarkable capacity for adaptation. Before their journey is complete, they will have swum upstream against raging currents, scaled steep falls, and escaped a phalanx of animal and human predators—all while undergoing the extraordinary physical changes which prepare them for spawning. In addition to describing the Pacific salmon's life cycle, author Adam Lewis also looks at the essential role salmon play in the Pacific region's economy and culture. Native stories reach back hundreds of years, and many communities depend on the abundance of salmon for their livelihood.

Salmon Without Rivers: A History of the Pacific Salmon Crisis; Lichtowich, Jim

In *Salmon Without Rivers*, fisheries biologist, Jim Lichtowich offers an eye-opening look at the roots and evolution of the salmon crisis in the Pacific Northwest. He describes the multitude of factors that have led to the salmon's decline, including the failure of restoration efforts that have relied on hatcheries to restore salmon stocks to healthy levels. *Salmon Without Rivers* clearly explains the difficult choices facing the citizens of the Pacific Northwest and provides unique insight into one of the most tragic chapters in our nation's environmental history.

Trout and Salmon of North America; Behnke, Robert

This beautiful and definitive guide brings together the world's leading expert on North American trout and salmon, Robert Behnke, and the foremost illustrator in the field, Joseph Tomelleri. North America is graced with the greatest diversity of trout and salmon on earth. From tiny brook trout in mountain streams of the Northeast, to cutthroat trout in the rivers of the Rockies, to Chinook salmon of the Pacific, the continent is home to more than 70 types of trout and salmon. The more than 100 illustrations of trout and salmon by Joseph Tomelleri showcased here exhibit a genius for detail, coloration, and proportion. Also included are more than 40 richly detailed maps that clearly show the ranges of populations of trout and salmon throughout North America. An irresistible delight for anyone who appreciates natural history, *Trout and Salmon of North America* is a master guide to the natural elegance of our native fishes.

Reaching Home: Pacific Salmon, Pacific People; Fobes, Natalie; Jay, Tom; Matsen, Brad

Reaching Home: Pacific Salmon, Pacific People is a saga in words and images, a richly inspiring book that pays tribute to the fact that this is truly the time of the salmon and its people. It is also a deeply personal account, made vivid by more than a

decade's worth of pictures from award-winning photographer Natalie Fobes, and accompanied by eloquent essays from Northwest writers Tom Jay and Brad Matsen.

The Behavior and Ecology of Pacific Salmon and Trout; Quinn, Thomas, P.

Few subjects have generated as much emotional dialogue around conflicting scientific and policy agendas as the protection and management of Pacific salmon resources. In this major new work, esteemed fisheries expert Thomas Quinn distills from the vast scientific literature the essential information on the behavior and ecology of Pacific salmon, including steelhead and cutthroat trout. This book--richly illustrated with beautiful photographs and original drawings--thoroughly covers the complete life cycle, emphasizing common themes and differences among the various species of salmon. Representing the range of species and geographic regions, Quinn includes examples from classic studies by pioneers of salmon biology and from the most current research to illustrate the important features of salmon life history and behavior and the complex physical, biological, and human factors that affect them.

High School-College

Upstream; National Research Council

Upstream explores the complications and conflicts surrounding the salmon problem and offers specific recommendations for salmon rehabilitation that take into account the key role that genetic variability plays in salmon survival and the urgent need for habitat protection and management of fishing. The book advocates a bioregional perspective, taking into account the geographic scale of salmon migration and political boundaries, and offers strategies for cooperation among those with a stake in the salmon's future.

First Fish, First People: Salmon Tales of the North Pacific Rim; Edited by Judith Roache and Meg McHutchison

The arc of land and water forming the North Pacific Rim is a cut lace work of rivers running to the great ocean. The salmon, sacred to people who lived along the pathways of its journey, once engorged these rivers, but no more. Thirteen writers from cultures profoundly connected to salmon were asked to write about "the fish of the gods" from both a historical and a contemporary perspective. These writers from two continents and four countries are Ainu from Japan; Nyvkh from Sakhalin; Ulchi from Siberia; Okanagan and Coastal Salish from Canada; and Makah, Warm Springs and Spokane from the United States. Their writing celebrates the blessedness and mourns the loss of the salmon while alerting us to current dangers and conditions. The text is enhanced by traditional designs from each Nation and photographs, both contemporary and historical, as well as personal family pictures from the writers. These

words and images offer a prayer that our precious remaining wild salmon will increase and flourish.

Salmon Nation: People and Fish at the Edge; Woody, Elizabeth; Lichatowich, Jim; Manning, Richard; House, Freeman; Zuckerman, Seth

Salmon Nation takes you behind the headlines in the company of six knowledgeable guides to a deeper understanding of the most celebrated fish of western North America. Thoughtful essays by Native American writer Elizabeth Woody, fisheries biologist Jim Lichatowich, journalist Richard Manning, former commercial fisherman Freeman House, and writer Seth Zuckerman trace the relationship between people and salmon from the days of abundance that sustained Northwest Coast cultures to the troubled world of salmon today, and suggest a future of rivers restored and fishing livelihoods revived—a future still within our reach. Geographer Dorie Brownell's full-color maps of the state of Pacific salmon today, published here for the first time, offer a powerful "big picture" perspective that lends a new urgency to efforts to heal the breach between people and salmon.

Salmon Country: A History of the Pacific Salmon; Busch, Robert H.

Salmon Country celebrates the majestic life of the Pacific salmon. Known as the "Spirit of the Pacific," this noble species has been a source of inspiration to naturalists, sportsmen and philosophers alike for centuries. Dedicated naturalist Robert H. Busch chronicles the tragic demise of the North American Pacific salmon industry. Illustrated with 30 beautiful photographs, Salmon Country is an engaging and heartfelt look at the natural history of the Pacific salmon and the future of the Pacific salmon industry.